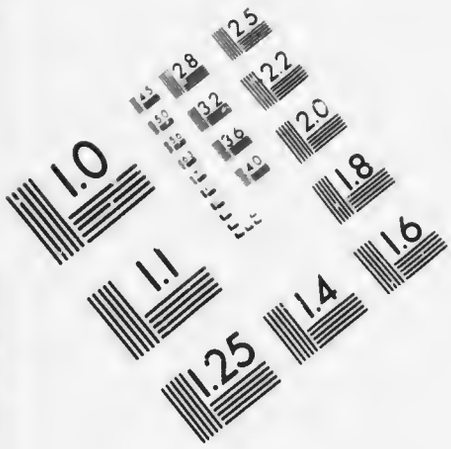

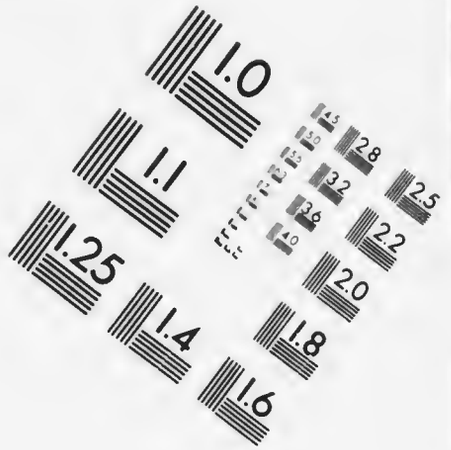

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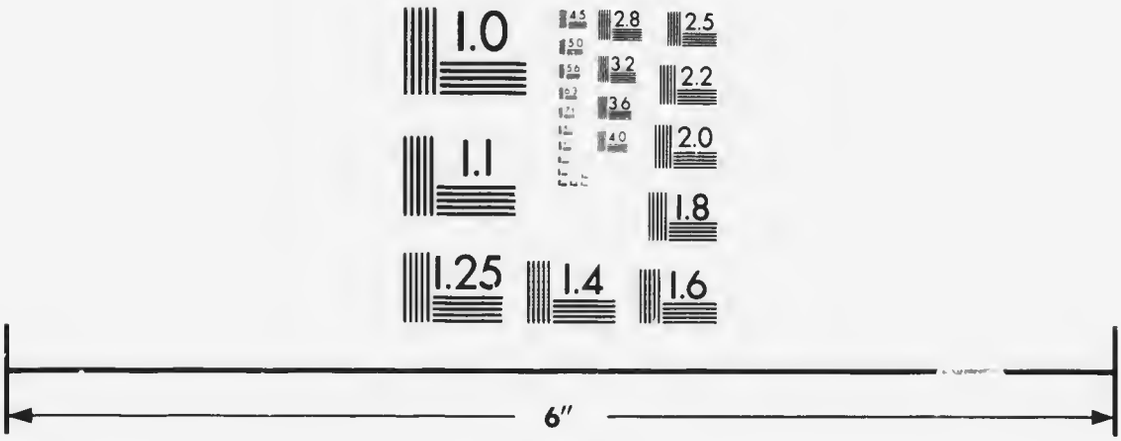

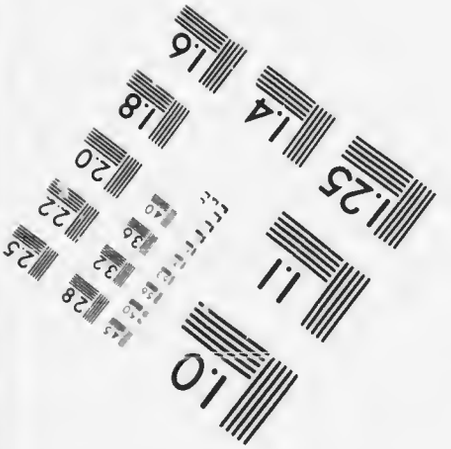

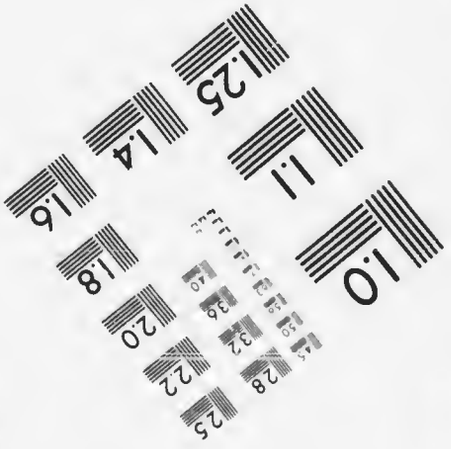

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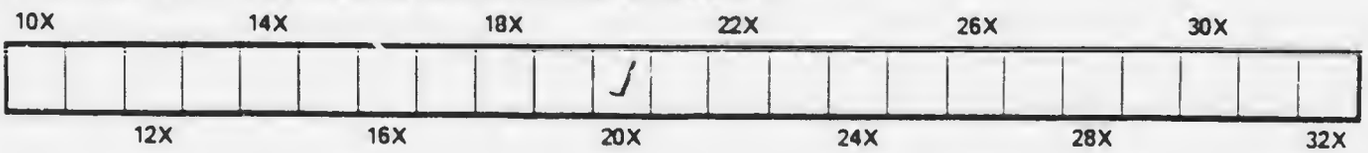

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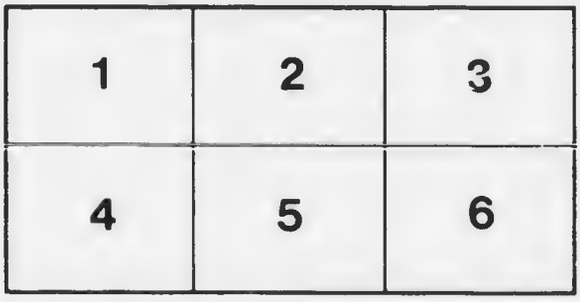

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The Society is already acquainted with the causes of my delay in making my visit to New Brunswick, which I had hoped to accomplish at an earlier and more favourable season of the year. I was thankful, however, to be permitted to commence my journey, for this purpose, on Thursday, the 8th of October, although aware that I should often be compelled to crowd into one day the proper work of several. I passed through Windsor without delay, and slept at Rentville, 66 miles from Halifax, and reached my own cottage at Clermont (22 miles) early on the following day. On Sunday, 11th, I performed Mr. Owen's duty at Aylesford, the scene of my first efforts in the ministry, for a crowded congregation, the remnant of my first flock, with many of their children and grandchildren. Mr. Owen was at the churches of Horton and Cornwallis, which still remain without a settled pastor. Never having been so long absent from the congregation at Aylesford, as I had then been, our meeting was not without an exercise of much feeling, mingled with pain and pleasure. Many had been removed for ever, during my absence, and many others had been added to the little flock.

On Wednesday, the 14th October, I proceeded to Annapolis (38 miles), and was glad to see the churches on the road, at Wilmot, Bridge Town, and Granville, in good order. I had an opportunity, also, for hasty communication with the Society's Missionaries, Messrs. Robertson and Campbell, whose labours seem to have the blessing of Him for whom they are engaged. The Church is flourishing under their care and faithful ministry. I did not look for any difficulty on a road so familiar to me as this has been for many years, but in consequence of the rebuilding of an important bridge on the Annapolis River, I was compelled to cross a wide ferry in a small boat; and owing to a very violent wind, and a rapid tide, the boat shipped a sea, which made every person in her very uncomfortable. I passed the evening with the Society's very valuable Missionary at Annapolis, the Rev. Edwin Gilpin, and his assistant, Mr. Godfrey.

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At an early hour on Thursday, the 15th, they attended me to a steamer, in which I embarked for St. John's, New Brunswick (60 miles). The weather was favourable, and we ought to have finished our voyage before sunset, (after a short detention at Digby, which enabled me to inquire for the widow of the Society's late Missionary there, Mrs. Viets); but having a very large ship in tow, which had just been launched near Annapolis, we did not land till midnight.

Friday, the 16th, was fully occupied by the Clergy and many excellent members of the Church at St. John's: a city rapidly increasing, with a population which already exceeds 30,000, a number greater than that of the inhabitants of New York, when my father first visited that city. This comparative view has been suggested by the circumstance of the settlement at St. John's having been chiefly formed by loyalists from New York, many of whom were my father's parishioners in that fine city, and the more dear to me on that account. I had an opportunity for making arrangements to facilitate my subsequent work in this portion of New Brunswick.

Saturday, October 17.—A lovely morning, with frost. I embarked early in a steamer at Indian Town (2 miles from St. John's), and proceeded towards Fredericton (80 miles). I found among the passengers several members of the Church residing in different parishes, who made themselves known to me for the purpose of expressing the anxiety of themselves, and other members of our communion, to see their Bishop among them. I gladly promised to meet their wishes to the extent of my power; and was thankful afterwards to be enabled to fulfil all these engagements. At Gage Town, which is nearly half way between St. John and Fredericton, the Rev. S. R. Clarke and the Rev. J. Sedgfield Thomson, the Society's Missionary at Gage Town, and Assistant at St. Stephen's, came on board, and remained with us for some miles, that they might make their reports to me. At the close of our voyage, about sunset, I found the son and son-in-law of the Governor, Sir John Harvey, waiting with a carriage, to convey me to the Government House, where I found a most kind and hospitable home. The progress in improvement, by which these colonies are marked, is so important to all our holiest objects, that I may sometimes be permitted to describe it. When I first visited New Brunswick, many years ago, the only means of conveyance between the sea coast and Fredericton, the capital, were supplied by two small vessels, which were frequently delayed for many days, by head winds and calms. There are now daily and nightly steam vessels from both points. I found the Archdeacon so unwell, from a violent attack of asthma, as to be confined to his room; and I was greatly embarrassed by his inability to give me the valuable assistance which he was anxious to afford.

Sunday, October 18, I preached to a large and respectable congregation, to prepare for the rite of confirmation. Notices for the various employments of the week were also given. Mr. A. Campbell, the Society's Missionary, lately arrived from England, and Mr. Stirling, the assistant at Fredericton, performed the afternoon and evening services.

Monday, October 19, was much occupied in attending to the ecclesiastical concerns of the province, to which the Governor lent me his

ready attention; in necessary communication with such of the Clergy as could come to me; and in visits to the widows and fatherless of the Church, to whom I always consider my first visits due. The Governor, being aware of the necessity for diligent occupation of the whole of my time, most kindly invited daily all those persons with whom it was most necessary for me to have communication, and thus my evenings, as well as mornings, were satisfactorily employed.

Tuesday, October 20, was chiefly occupied by the consecration of a little chapel which has been erected at Maryland, five miles from Fredericton, in an agricultural settlement, and is very usefully served by Mr. Stirling. It was named after St. John. The little congregation seemed very thankful for this completion of their work. I preached (as usual) on the occasion, and after the service, had an opportunity for encouraging those who had been most actively and piously engaged in the rearing of this humble building to God's glory, and for the benefit of themselves and their families; and also for suggesting some additions and improvements, to which they gladly promised immediate attention. Mr. Harvey, the son of the Governor, kindly conveyed myself and the Clergy on this occasion.

Wednesday, October 21, although a very fine day, was unavoidably occupied in ecclesiastical business, which I had to transact with the Archdeacon and the Solicitor-General, and in writing to those of the Clergy whose missions I purposed to visit. The following day was less propitious, but the Governor kindly took me, through heavy rain, to a neat church which has recently been erected in the parish of King's Clear, five miles from Fredericton, in an opposite direction to that of Maryland. The weather reduced the size of our congregation; but many who had a lively interest in this building, which is very creditable to the settlement, were with us, and much interested in its solemn dedication to God. At their desire it was named after St. Peter. This church, like the chapel at Maryland, is satisfactorily and usefully served by the Rev. J. Stirling, the assistant at Fredericton. In the evening I was occupied in a manner quite new in the history of my visits, as I accompanied the Governor and his family to a well-attended and interesting lecture upon Palestine, by Mr. Buckingham.

Friday, October 23, I was thankful for a very fine day, and embarked very early in a steamer for Gage Town. I found upon the wharf the two churchwardens of that place, and one of the vestry, who were a deputation from that mission to obtain my recommendation to the Society for the Rev. A. Campbell's appointment as an assistant to Mr. Clarke, who has long been in great need of help. I recommended this measure, when I made a former visit to New Brunswick, and the Society kindly acceded to it; but until now there has been no fit person to take the office. I therefore respectfully recommend to the Board the appointment of Mr. Campbell to this office, with the salary of £75 a year, commencing from the 1st of July, 1840.* And I do so the more readily, because the people have provided a house for him, and engaged to pay him £100 a-year, which will be required for his comfortable

* The recommendation of his Lordship has been adopted by the Society.

support, as he has a wife and two young children. The deputation had reached Fredericton at a late hour on the preceding evening, and were obliged to embark with me at once that we might attend to this business on our passage to Gage Town, the only time that I could give to them. Mr. Stirling also accompanied me now, and throughout my visit to New Brunswick, as my chaplain, the Archdeacon being entirely unable to move from Fredericton. We reached Gage Town before noon, and as soon as conveyances could be procured, I set out with the Society's Missionary, Mr. Clarke, his churchwardens, and other gentlemen of the place, for the settlement near the Nerefies road, known formerly as Cootes Hill, and New Jerusalem, but now called Petersville, distant from Gage Town sixteen miles. Upon this occasion I had more than common evidence of the rapid improvement to which I have already alluded. In my first visit to this settlement, ten years ago, the access to it was so difficult that we had to travel twenty-three miles instead of sixteen, and so obscure that Dr. M'Cawley and Mr. Clarke missed their way, and were too late for the service. In the year 1835, I made another visit to it by a road eighteen miles in extent, over which it was just possible for a waggon to pass. The frame of a church was then erected, but I was obliged to confirm in the open air. Upon the present occasion I was enabled to drive ten miles in an hour, upon a road only sixteen miles in extent. I now found a very creditable and convenient church ready for consecration. On many farms the original huts of logs had been superseded by comfortable houses and barns. Surely it is a holy and most useful work in which the Society is occupied, labouring to provide that, under the Heavenly blessing, the spiritual advancement shall at least be equal to the temporal improvement. Hitherto it may be feared that this has hardly been accomplished, for Mr. Clarke has not been able to attend sufficiently to this deserving settlement; but we may humbly hope that the advantage he will derive from the services of an assistant, will soon enable us to rejoice in better things. A large congregation, which nearly filled the building, was assembled. The church was consecrated with much gratification to them and to myself—it was named after St. Peter, as particularly appropriate to the church at Petersville. I preached to a very attentive flock, and urged the duties which now specially bore upon them. I also had an opportunity for speaking to several of those who had borne a prominent part in advancing the church to its completion. All seemed most happy in the hope of having it more frequently opened in future for the public worship of God. We returned to Gage Town at a late hour in the evening, and I was compelled to spend much of the night in writing letters.

Saturday, October 24.—Another very favourable day. We had an early service at Gage Town, but owing chiefly to Mr. Clarke's inability, from illness, to make the necessary preparations, only five persons were ready for confirmation. In addressing these, I had an opportunity for calling others to a due regard for this important institution. As soon as the service was finished, I was engaged with the churchwardens and vestry to secure a fulfilment of their engagement, if the Society shall be pleased to approve of Mr. Campbell's being assistant to Mr. Clarke, when the steamer's signal, as she was approaching from St. John's,

obliged me to embark hastily in a small boat, and row two miles to meet her, attended by several worthy members of the Church. I found Mr. Wood, the Society's Missionary at the Grand Lake, on board, with several persons from more distant places, with whom it was very convenient for me to confer, in reference to the state of the Church in the places of their residence. We were at Fredericton soon after four, which enabled me to see the Archdeacon on my way to the Government House.

Sunday, October 25.—Having much before me for this day, I was very thankful to find the weather particularly favourable. We had a large congregation in the morning, when Messrs. Harrison and Stirling were admitted to the order of priests. I preached upon the occasion, not omitting to enforce, as well as I was able, the duties of pastors to their people, and of the people to their pastors. I had not time to unrobe before the afternoon service, when the church was again well filled: sixty-nine persons, whose deportment was very becoming, were confirmed, and their seriousness encouraged me to address them at some length. Among them was an aged person, who, after much sickness and affliction, appeared to be in rapid decay. He had been a passenger with me in a steamer, where he made known to me his earnest desire for confirmation, and made many proper inquiries, which I was glad to answer to his satisfaction. He was so feeble that he could not approach the altar without support, nor remain there without a chair; but his heart and affections appeared to be devoutly engaged, and his whole manner was most interesting. He did not survive many days, but enjoyed to the last the richest consolation from having solemnly and faithfully dedicated himself to his Redeemer. Mr. Harrison preached at the third service. He is a native of New Brunswick; was ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of Barbados, but compelled, by his wife's severe illness, to quit the West Indies. He succeeded the Rev. Gilbert Wiggins in the parish of Portland, of which the most populous portion is a part of St. John's. The congregation he serves most willingly support him. The testimony which I received from the Bishop of Barbados, and my own knowledge of Mr. Harrison's praiseworthy exertions and exemplary conduct, left no doubt on my mind of his fitness for the office of a priest; and I have received from Mr. Simonds, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and a principal proprietor of Portland, a formal bond, by which he binds himself and his heirs to pay £200 a-year to Mr. Harrison, until a permanent and sufficient provision is legally secured to him by the parishioners.

Monday, October 26.—A very rainy morning, but I was obliged to set out at a very early hour for Woodstock (60 miles), attended by Mr. Stirling. We had to face a violent gale, which did great mischief at St. John's and in other parts of the province; and to cross the St. John's River twice—the first ferry is 16 miles from Fredericton. I found it much better appointed than it formerly was, so that our carriage was driven with ease into a convenient gondola; but in the middle of the river we were struck by so violent a squall, that we expected our carriage every minute to be blown over. We were forced down the river far below the proper landing-place, and could not recover our lost ground until the horses were landed, and one of them

harnessed to the gondola, which, after the loss of more than an hour, was brought to a place where the carriage could be landed, but not until the boat was nearly filled with water; and it required the utmost exertion of two powerful men to prevent her destruction, while beating against the shore. A violent rain increased our difficulties, but we were obliged to proceed, as our appointments were made. We met fresh horses when half our distance was travelled, but the rain was succeeded by a violent snow-storm. Mr. Lee Street, the Society's Missionary at Woodstock, came through the storm twenty miles, with several of his parishioners, to meet and assist us. With the help of their horses we reached Woodstock for a 10 o'clock dinner. The frost was severe.

Tuesday, October 27.—The weather, though cold, was much improved. I had time to visit a family of the Church, who were among the earliest and most respectable occupants of Woodstock, but now in deep affliction; and then proceeded (two miles from Mr. Street's) to a beautiful village which has suddenly sprung up: and here, most properly, a spacious and very neat chapel has been erected, and now, with the aid of the Society's bounty, handsomely finished and paid for. A large congregation was assembled. The chapel was consecrated, and the name of St. Luke given to it. Thirty persons were confirmed, and I addressed them and the whole congregation on the two solemn services. As soon as these were finished, we proceeded eight miles to Richmond, another interesting village, in the same parish of Woodstock, which is rapidly increasing. Here also another chapel, aided by the Society's bounty, has been finished. This was also consecrated, with its burial-ground, and named after St. John. There had been an unfortunate mistake in the notice for these services, which prevented the attendance of many who would otherwise have been present. Mr. Street, thinking it would hardly be possible to attend to these two congregations on the same day, had named a second day for Richmond, but my other appointments compelled me to adhere to my own arrangement. Six persons, of very serious deportment, were confirmed, and the congregation was addressed in reference to both services, or rather to the three services. The night came upon us when we were leaving the chapel, and we were late in getting to Mr. Street's, ten miles distant. Here we had four inches of snow, and met several sleds, which hastened to improve it. During this day I was met and attended by the Rev. Mr. Blake, a chaplain to the Fort at Holtoun, in the State of Main, which is only five miles from Richmond. Wherever an American regiment is quartered, the three senior officers have the power of electing a chaplain, who may belong to any religious society; but Mr. Blake informed me that a very large proportion (nearly nine-tenths) of their military and naval chaplains are chosen from the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church. I was aware, long ago, that a large majority of the chaplains to their hospitals and penitentiaries, and other similar institutions, were elected from the same body.

Wednesday, October 28.—Much ice and snow. We were early engaged at the parish church, as a portion of its adjoining burial-ground was consecrated. The affection of the older inhabitants for this humble building, the first in which they had the comfort of social

worship, is great and commendable; but it has not prevented very laudable exertions to meet the growing wants of their extending settlements, and for this purpose a third chapel is in progress. Before closing my account of Woodstock, it is right that I should mention, for the information of the Society, that, as in other places, so in each congregation here, I stated, both publicly to the whole, and more privately to individuals, the circumstances which rendered it imperative upon all the members of our flocks, to make such exertions as have never yet been made, for the support of the Church among them; and it was my endeavour to satisfy all who listened to me, that such exertions would be most wholesome for themselves, and full of blessing. There is no place where I have better reason to be satisfied with the result of my endeavours in this respect, than at Woodstock. Meetings of the congregations have been held; subscriptions have been enlarged; and the churchwardens have written to me, that they never before were led to view this matter in its true light. They assure me, also, that more than the Society require shall be regularly paid to their Missionary; and I may consider them personally responsible for the fulfilment of this engagement. I baptized a child of the Missionary, Mr. Street, and then hurried on my return, attended, to the first ferry, by several of the principal persons of the place, who had been present at our 7 o'clock service. Mr. Street and one of his churchwardens brought us 10 miles on our way, whence we were driven 20 miles further with fresh horses. Here we had to cross the river to meet a congregation at the church at Dumfries, which was necessarily small, as much snow was falling. A long island divides the river at this place. We crossed the main channel in a canoe—carriages were waiting for us on the island, and, as the water was much lower than usual, we were able to cross the smaller channel in the carriages. Four persons were confirmed; and after addressing these, I endeavoured to point out to the people their duty as arising from their present unhappy situation, when deprived of the services of a resident pastor; this church, and that of Prince William, having seldom had any service since the removal of the Rev. Charles Wiggins. The day was nearly expended, but I had time to reach a comfortable lodging at the house of one of the churchwardens, and to visit a very aged member of our communion, from whom many of the congregation have sprung. I was glad to endeavour to animate her faith and piety, and cheer her view of the heaven that cannot be distant from her. Her hope appears to be rightly directed and firmly fixed.

Thursday, October 29.—I proceeded four miles to the church at Prince William, where a good congregation met me; seven were confirmed, and my effort here was similar to that at Dumfries. I visited the small parsonage which has been erected here, and encouraged the people to hope for another Missionary, if they were ready to do their part, which they assured me would be earnestly attempted. Two of our kind friends conveyed us, through a very bad road, and much rain, thirteen miles, which brought us within sixteen of Fredericton, where Mr. Harvey kindly met us with four horses, and drove through heavy rain and deep mud to the Government House.

Friday, October 30.—A day of very violent wind and rain, but I was

obliged to leave Fredericton at an early hour, full of thankfulness for the kind attention to myself and my objects, which I had received from the Governor and all his family. This was continued to the last, as a guard of honour attended my embarkation in a steamer. My engagement would have stopped me at Greenwich, thirty miles from St. John, but the Rev. Christopher Milner, the Society's Missionary there and at Westfield, came on board, drenched with rain, to say it was impossible for the congregation, many members of which were distant from the church, to assemble. I was therefore compelled to proceed to St. John's, and Mr. Milner accompanied me. I have seldom encountered a more violent storm than continued throughout this day.

Saturday, October 31.—The storm had abated, but we had showers through this day also. I had an opportunity for making a short visit to an excellent school in the 69th regiment, containing sixty scholars of all ages, which is remarkably well superintended by the lady of the commanding officer, Colonel Monins. The national system is well maintained among the elder scholars; and for the younger, some of whom are not four years old, the infant school system is very successfully introduced, without interruption of the other; a plan which I had not witnessed in any other school. It appeared to me that this custom might be generally adopted, with good effect. The Rev. Mr. Harrison then took me across the harbour of St. John's to Carlton, where a very respectable congregation was assembled. Mr. Frederick Coster, the Society's Missionary at this place, has had his church enlarged and painted, at no inconsiderable expense, and very creditably to himself and his parishioners. The singing here is excellent, and executed in a very engaging manner. Thirty-three persons, of whom several were baptized this day, were confirmed; as usual, I addressed them, and was much gratified by their becoming deportment. The remainder of the day was occupied by many members of the church at St. John's; and the evening was given to the Clergy.

Sunday, November 1.—A very busy day; and the weather was happily favourable. Five years ago I consecrated a neat little church, which would contain from 300 to 400 persons, for the parish of Portland, which joins the city of St. John. The population has increased so rapidly, that the church was totally inadequate to our portion of that population. A large and handsome chapel has therefore been erected, at a great expense, which has been borne by the congregation, aided by several benevolent and bountiful individuals. At eleven o'clock I consecrated this noble building, which is finely situated, and so prominently that it serves as a mark for vessels approaching the harbour. It was crowded with a very respectable and attentive congregation, to whom I willingly preached on the interesting occasion. The chapel is named St. Luke's. At three, I met so large a congregation at Trinity, the parish church of the city of St. John, that the aisles were most inconveniently crowded. Eighty-one persons had been diligently prepared for confirmation by their Rector, the Rev. William Gray, and nothing could be more interesting than the manner in which they received this holy ordinance. I addressed them at much length; and being much affected myself, I hoped they listened to me with becoming feeling. I considered my exhortation as a farewell to this flock,

indulging the hope that this growing colony will be favoured with a resident Bishop; and it was my effort and my prayer that it should be useful to them and to myself. They listened with apparent earnestness, and my hope is, that it will be recollectedwith a portion of the affection with which it was offered to them. The day departed before we left the church. At half-past six I returned to the chapel at Portland, and was again met by a numerous congregation, of whom forty-four were confirmed. They gave every evidence I could desire of intelligence and devotion; and it was my desire to cherish these in the concluding address. If the day and its labours were followed by some fatigue, they were full of satisfaction, and prompted much gratitude to Him whom we were endeavouring to serve.

Monday, November 2.—Frosty, but clear. Mr. Harrison called for me at sunrise, and drove me to Loch Lomond (twelve miles), over an indifferent road, but much improved since I last travelled on it. We had service at ten, in All Saints' Church, which was consecrated, to the great joy of its congregation, who have long desired and struggled for its completion, now happily effected. I did what I could in the pulpit to cherish their best feelings, and animate their faith and holiness. As soon as this service was finished, we proceeded ten miles farther, over a very bad road, to St. John's Chapel, in the same parish, and on the road leading to Quaco, a settlement on the shore of the Bay of Fundy. This building was also consecrated; and I have seldom preached to a more affectionate people than those who now listened to me. Here, as in the morning, notice was given for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, for the first time in this parish. Several of the aged members of the congregation, both men and women, flocked around me after the service, and expressed their gratitude to God, with throbbing hearts and abundant tears, that at last they were to partake of the memorial of a Saviour's dying love. These had been regular communicants in Ireland, their native land; and I have never heard the want of a settled pastor more feelingly deplored than by this people, both now and in my former visits to them. They early commenced the building of a church and a chapel, hoping thus to accelerate the appointment of a pastor over them. But they could not have completed their work if they had not been assisted by the bounty of the Society. They are still embarrassed; but if the Society should be pleased to grant the £25 which I requested for them, in my letter of December 3d, they will be able to extricate themselves from their present difficulties, as far as the pecuniary affairs of the two buildings are concerned.* I am well aware that the Society have every inclination to relieve their greater suffering from the want of a Missionary, whenever a fit person can be found for the charge; and I feel confident that if such shall be placed over them, we shall soon hear of the progress of two additional churches at Quaco and Black River. I hope and pray that the way may be opened for such appointment; but until a settled Missionary can be appointed, I have requested Mr. Harrison to take the temporary charge of these interesting settlements, and give them at least one Sunday, and one or more week-days, in every month,

* This sum was granted by the Society, in February 1841.

to which he has kindly assented; and whenever he can obtain assistance from the casual visits of Clergymen to St John's, he will give additional attention to these poor settlements. This will give him some labour and expense, especially as he must keep a horse for the purpose; but he will be thankful if the Society will allow him only £50 a-year until a Missionary be placed at Loch Lomond, and I respectfully recommend that such salary may be allowed to him. As he had made frequent visits to those settlements before the consecration of the church and chapel, and greatly encouraged and assisted the efforts for their completion, I hope the Society will permit him to draw for such salary as commencing on the 1st of July, 1840.* The Rev. Wm. Gray, and the Rev. Wm. Scovil, accompanied us on this interesting journey, and were gladdened, as we were, by all we saw in the people, and made sorrowful, as we also sorrowed, at their sad destitution. We did not get back to St. John's till a late hour.

Tuesday, November 3.—We were obliged to rise again by candlelight, as we had a long day's work before us. In my first arrangement this day was left for communication with many kind friends at St. John's, but the disappointment at Greenwich induced me to devote it to that parish. I embarked, therefore, once more in the steamer which had already taken me on many occasions, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Stirling, Walker, and Dunn, with some other gentlemen, and reached Greenwich (thirty miles) in good season. Here I was met by the Rev. Wm. Elias Scovil, assistant at Kingston and Springfield, and was sorry to learn that his valuable father, the Society's Missionary at Kingston, was prevented from coming to us by a dangerous illness.† The weather was fine, and a very large congregation was assembled. The church at this place was burnt by an accidental fire, some time ago, and a very superior building has been completed by the zealous exertions of the Missionary, the Rev. Christopher Milner, aided by his people, and other members of the Church in various places, and especially by the Societies for Propagation of the Gospel, and Promoting Christian Knowledge. The new church was now consecrated, and named St. Paul's. I preached on the subject, and did not omit to advert to the peculiar circumstances I have named. Thirty-five persons were confirmed, whom I also addressed, and finished my labour here by a communication with the churchwardens and vestry upon the necessity for more exertion than they have hitherto made, which they assured me should not be wanting for the support of their minister. The employment of the day was interesting: my prayer is, that its effect may not pass away, but be permanently blest. I had no means of returning to St. John's but by land, and had no other conveyance than a rough waggon, over a very bad road, for sixteen miles. I then crossed the mouth of the Nerepis by a wide ferry of a mile and a half, when I found a very comfortable carriage, which had been kindly sent for me from St. John's, and fourteen miles of good road were soon accomplished. Many persons called upon me after my return at a late hour.

* The recommendation of his Lordship has been adopted by the Society.

† The Society regret to announce that they have since received intelligence of the death of this valuable missionary.

Wednesday, November 4.—It would have been very gratifying to me to have visited many other places, but the season was too far advaneed, and the weather too unfavourable. I had also urgent calls for my return to Nova Seotia. The rector, churehwardens, and vestry, were with me at half-past six in the morning, to present an address, and consult me upon the building of another large ehapel, whieh I glady eneouraged; and I then embarked, aecompanied by the Clergy and many others to the shore, with the same attentions and respeet whieh were shown to me at Frederieton, by a guard of honour, in a steamer for Digby (forty miles). The Bay of Fundy was uncommonly rough, and our steamer laboured mueh. We were at Digby, however, before dark, and I found the people in expeetation of my arrival. Their ehureh was soon lighted and filled by a large eongregation, for whom I readily preaehed, in reference to the trial to whieh they were now subjeeted by the want of a settled pastor, sinee the death of their late Missionary, the Rev. Roger Viets. Mr. Snyder has done all that he could for them, travelling twenty miles every Sunday, that he might open their ehurch, after two serviees in his own mission. The people seem duly sensible of his kindness, and would gladly receive him as their pastor; but he has promised his flock at Weymouth, that if they enable him to live with tolerable eomfort, by complying with the Soeiety's requisitions, he will not leave them. Provision has been made at Digby for building a parsonage, and for securing to their Missionary the full amount of salary required by the Society.

Thursday, November 5.—The congregation at Digby were thankful to have another serviee at ten this morning; and again I endeavoured to show how they might profit even by their present privation. They listened with encouraging attention; and my hope and prayer are, that their spiritual wants may soon be supplied. An extra steamer from St. John took me on board, and conveyed me to Annapolis (twenty miles), many of the people attending me to the wharf, where they had received me on my landing. I passed the evening with Mr. Gilpin, who kindly drove me to Clermont.

Friday, November 6.—Here I was detained for some time, which enabled me to provide twice for Mr. Owen's duty, while he spent two Sundays at Horton and Cornwallis. As these churches are not more than thirty miles from Clermont, I also devoted another Sunday to them; and while endeavouring to console their congregations under their serious privation, I attempted to enforce the duties which it evidently suggests. They are prepared to build a convenient parsonage, and to comply with the Society's requisition. I pray that we may soon be enabled to supply their spiritual wants; but the circumstances of this mission are sueh, that it will be no easy matter to find a person well qualified for it.

In taking a review of my late journeys, which were not terminated till some time after the commencement of our winter, I eannot but feel regret that I have only been able to accomplish a part of the work which it was very desirable to perform. I have, however, much cause for gratitude, and therefore I dare not complain. There is evidently a growing attachment to the Chureh, and an increasing sense of the

exertions which her members are bound, by duty and by interest, to make for the support of her ministers. Of this we have most gratifying evidence at St. John's, at Portland, at Fredericton, at Woodstock, at Douglas, at Gage Town, at Digby, Clermont, and various other places; nor do I think the Society can want better proof of the blessing with which their labours here are mercifully favoured, or better encouragement to perseverance in their endeavours to engage the whole Church, and all her members, as fellow-workers in their labour of love.

You will pardon my mention of another circumstance; I should be ungrateful if it did not affect me deeply, and unfaithful if I did not record it. Uniform as have been the respect and attention, and kindness and affection, which I have always received in visiting every part of my Diocese, I think these have all, if possible, been more strongly marked in my late visit than on any former occasion. They have lightened my labours—they have gladdened my weariness—they have filled me with gratitude, and made me anxious to persevere, to the full extent of my power, in the performance of the work allotted to me.

Since my return to my Diocese I have been enabled to consecrate eleven churches and chapels, widely separated from each other, and two burial-grounds—I have held eleven confirmations—I have ordained three priests and four deacons—and have been preserved from all harm in traversing many hundred miles by land and water, though often exposed to violent winds and floods. May all be made instrumental, however insufficient in itself, to the glory of God, the extension and purity of his Church, and the salvation of many souls, through real faith in the Divine Redeemer.

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